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SUBJECT: PASSPORT REFUSAL (HORVATH, MRS. SANDOR)

REF: A. BUDAPEST 1914; B. STATE 135990

1. DESPITE ASSURANCES MRS. HORVATH REPORTEDLY RECEIVED FROM GOH (BUDAPEST 1575), SHE RECENTLY INFORMED EMBASSY HER APPEAL OF PASSPORT REFUSAL REJECTED ON JUNE 6. SHE STATED THAT HER SON RECEIVED SIMILAR REFUSALS. THE REFUSALS ARE BASED ON SECTION 3(1)(F) OF GOVERNMENT DECREE 4/1970 WHICH PROVIDES THAT NO PASSPORT WILL BE ISSUED TO A PERSON QUOTE FOR WHOSE SOJOURN ABROAD THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL CONDITIONS ARE NOT ASSURED. UNQUOTE (FULL TRANSLATION OF DECREE WAS SENT TO DEPARTMENT BY BUDAPEST A-109, JUNE 5, 1970.)

2. IT IS EMBASSY'S EXPERIENCE THAT REFUSALS UNDER PROVISION QUOTED ABOVE ARE GENERALLY MADE WHEN HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES NOT SATISFIED RE BONA FIDES OF APPLICANT FOR VISITORS PASSPORT. IT PROBABLY DOES NOT ACTUALLY MEAN IN THIS CASE THAT THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF MR. CLARKE HAS BEEN QUESTIONED, BUT RATHER THAT AUTHORITIES QUESTION THE MOTIVES FOR HIS WILLINGNESS TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF A FRIEND AND THE LATTER'S 14 YEAR OLD SON FOR A TRIP TO US. WE NOTE THAT MR. CLARKE IS 37 AND SINGLE, MRS. HORVATH 42 AND DIVORCED. HUNGARIANS PROBABLY ASSUME MRS. HORVATH MIGHT WORK FOR MR. CLARKE OR MARRY HIM, AND THUS THAT SHE WOULD REMAIN ABROAD ILLEGALLY.

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3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF MR. CLARKE AGAIN WOULD
WRITE AMERICAN CONSUL BUDAPEST AMPLIFYING REASONS FOR
INVITATION TO MRS. HORVATH AND SON. IF MARRIAGE OR
EMPLOYMENT CONTEMPLATED, EMBASSY WILL ADVISE
APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES AND GIVE ALL ASSISTANCE WITHIN
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